

Rhode Island Pride

Many Faces – One Voice

“Diversity exists, despite society’s attempt to suppress it.” This quote from a popular science fiction novel reveals a great truth about humanity. It is this richness of being that will help us become closer to one another and find the strength to be out and proud in every facet of our lives. That is our voice and with that voice we must work to help our community and celebrate who we are. RI Pride is pleased to announce the theme for RI Pride 2008 – MANY FACES - ONE VOICE!

Festival, Parade & Pride Guide

Application Forms Online!

Deadlines are approaching. All forms are available at www.prideri.com for those interested in participating in the festival and parade or advertising in the RI Pride Guide. Please download and mail the current forms or watch for new online forms and payment options in the near future. It is imperative that application forms be submitted as soon as possible to aid in our planning.

May Business After Hours above Providence atop the Bank of America Building

Bank of America, one of RI Pride’s Silver Sponsors, will host Business After Hours on Thursday, May 22nd from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. in its historic tower, which is the tallest building in Providence. The evening will feature hors d’oeuvres, cocktails and great networking as you gaze across the state. So join us for this fantastic event!

Business After Hours (BAH) is a program of RI Pride that was established to provide networking and social opportunities for individuals, businesses, and organizations in RI and Southern New England. It provides GLBT and GLBT-friendly businesses and professionals an opportunity to network and learn about other organizations and businesses. It is also an opportunity for a business or organization to introduce itself to the GLBT community. BAH events are held monthly, September to May, generally on the fourth Thursday of the month. Individuals or businesses that would like to host an upcoming BAH event are invited to call or email RI Pride for more information.

Countdown to Pride 2008

Pride season is only a few weeks away!! Every year, each GLBT club dedicates an

evening to support Rhode Island Pride as we countdown to the big event: RI PrideFest & Illuminated Night Parade.

The nights will be filled with free giveaways and promotions from some of our dedicated sponsors: ID Lubricants, AIDS Care Ocean State, Bud Light, and Bacardi. This year’s Countdown to Pride will offer live entertainment, social outings, special themes, drag shows, comedy, erotica and of course the infamous Lube Wrestling Contest. Be sure to check out the new RI Pride Calendar at www.prideri.com/pridecalendar.html for updates on times and locations.

Tuesday, May 13

RI Pride Family Bowl at Town Hall Lanes, Atwood Ave. Johnson

Friday, May 16

Reflections Café – Mix N’ Match Singles & Friends Night, Wickenden & Governor Sts.

Saturday, May 17

Rainbow’s End, North Front St., New Bedford,

MA with Empress XVI Diana Prince, Miss Gay RI 2008 Jacqueline DiMera and Miss Gay Pride 2007 Adrianna Balboa

Sunday, May 18

Pride by the Sea at Salas Down Under, Thames St., Newport hosted by NewportOut.com

Thursday, May 22

Lube Wrestling at Trixx All Male Revue, Allens Ave, Providence

Friday, May 23

Bobby’s Place, Weir St., Taunton, MA, Countdown Party at Energy, Union St., Providence

Saturday, May 24

The Dark Lady Pride Block Party, Snow St, Providence

Sunday, May 25

Chris Harris Presents The Military Ball @Therapy, Dike St., Providence

Friday, May 30

Drag Revolution - Part Deux at Union, Union St., Providence

Saturday, May 31

Hip-Hop Saturday at Platforms, Poe St., Providence

Sunday, June 1

Club Gallery hosts the Miss Gay Pride Pageant, Point St., Providence

Wednesday, June 4

Pride Cocktail Party at the Alleycat, Snow St., Providence

Friday, June 6

Let’s Hear it for the Boys at Mirabar, Richmond

St., Providence, Sunset Bar & Grille,

Charles St., North Providence

Saturday, June 7

Buzz and Leather Night at the Providence Eagle, Union St., Providence

Hawaiian Lu-Out at Girlsport @ Club Gallery, Point St. Providence

Sunday, June 8

Wheels Afternoon Pride Party, Washington St., Providence

RI Pride needs you!

Check out the RI Pride Online Calendar at www.prideri.com/pridecalendar.html for upcoming Volunteer Orientation meetings and other opportunities to get involved!

Reserve Your Pride Weekend Rooms TODAY!

We are pleased to offer a special hotel package with the Courtyard Marriott for the 2008 Pride Weekend June 20-22. The hotel is located next to the festival and on the parade route, within easy walking distance of downtown restaurants, bars and nightclubs. Reduced rates of \$114 per night are available through the continuing generosity of Courtyard Marriott. For reservations, please call 1-888-887-7955 or 401-272-1191. Mention rate code “RI Pride 2008”. Rooms won’t last long, book your rooms today and get ready for the Pride of your life!

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